



James E. Crowfoot Director

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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

This letter is to invite you to identify and nominate, for our review, a candidate for the Pew Scholars Program in Conservation and the Environment. This program will provide awards to outstanding scholars who are committed to both research and the application of their findings to the pressing issues of the conservation of biological diversity and directly related environmental problems. Ten fellowships per year will be awarded, with each Scholar receiving an award of \$150,000 over a three year period. Your institution has been identified by our national Advisory Committee as one of 45 institutions (list enclosed) invited to nominate one candidate to be considered in the selection pool for 1990.

These awards are intended to provide to these individuals significant, flexible support to undertake new, creative avenues of scholarly development. Candidates are sought from the natural and social sciences, humanities, law and engineering. Candidates doing interdisciplinary work are of special interest. Candidate nominations are being sought from a wide range of institutions including conservation organizations, academic centers, zoological and botanical gardens, natural history museums and freestanding research institutes.

The enclosed program brochure describes the focus of the program and the qualities that we seek in competitive candidates. Once you have identified the candidate you wish to nominate from your institution, you should forward a copy of the program brochure along with the application materials to that candidate. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 30, 1990.

You will note that documentation of both the internal selection process and institutional support for the candidate are part of the application materials. The Advisory Committee believes that these elements are, respectively, critical to the effective identification of a viable candidate and their long term success as scholars and as members of your institution.

I encourage you to proceed as quickly as possible in initiating the internal process of identifying a candidate, so that the nominated individual, once identified, has sufficient time to assemble and submit their application materials. If you should have any questions, I hope you will feel free to call me or Jon Jensen (Associate Director) at the telephone number below.

We believe that this program has the potential to advance the field of conservation and environmental problem solving by encouraging and supporting a new generation of Scholars. I hope you share our excitement, and I look forward to receiving your candidate's application.

Yours sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures